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Rattling Sabres

by
Glen E. Zook

Several years ago, I started a family tree on Ancestry.com but never paid for the "membership". However, they have often sent me "hints" about possible members of my tree. Usually, if I am interested, I have been going to the actual, non Ancestry.com source if possible. However, this past Veterans' Day, they made a 1-day offer for a "membership" that I just couldn't pass up.

There were several "intriguing" hints that indicated another direct Civil War ancestor, one Jacob A. Zook who was another 2nd great grandfather just like Private William James Stump on who's record I am a member of the SUVCW. The year of birth was correct, 1841 and the state, Indiana, was also correct. All of the military records looked very good!

Then, I looked at his pension application. Wrong wife and wrong children! This particular Zook would just be another ancestral cousin since all persons, born Zook, in this country, are related.

This false lead just proves the point not to take the "word" of the various ancestor / family tree sites. The information may look very good, but, as in this situation, this was someone very different.

My middle daughter's 2-daughters, are going to join the DAR based on their paternal grandfather's membership in the SAR. This daughter has become interested in also joining the DAR. I have 2-direct ancestors who were in the Revolution, my 4th great grandfather, who was a colonel in the Continental Army and his father who had been a private in the Virginia militia. So, I have been complying the necessary genealogical data for my daughter's DAR membership. I had already gathered the data from William J. Stump through my youngest granddaughter for her DUV membership (the colonel was William J. Stump's grandfather).

Going through the various Ancestry.com "hints", I discovered several other direct Revolutionary War ancestors. Then, I also discovered that I have a War of 1812 ancestor as well. Of this, I had absolutely no idea. Then, there is a possibility that I have a Mexican War ancestor and a Spanish American War ancestor as well.

My youngest daughter is the real family historian. She has traced direct ancestors back through European royalty including William the Conqueror and a number of

English, Scotts, etc., kings and queens. She also has found direct ancestors, on both my side and my wife's side who were at Jamestowne as well as actually being on the Mayflower (which I did not think there were any). Anyway, enough genealogy!

Continuing with the photographs / illustrations for the Civil War battles of the month, those battles are, from the Hill's Manual, as follows:

Capture of forts at Port Royal, S.C. 7 November 1861. Battle of Belmont, Mo., November 7, 1861. Fight at Pensacola, 23 November 1861. Warsaw, Mo., 29 November 1861. Fight at Salem, Mo., 30 November 1861. Fight at Garrettsburg, Ky., 11 November 1862. Battle of Kinston, N.C., 17 November 1862. Battle of Cane Hill, Ark., 28 November 1862. Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tenn., 24, 25, 26 November 1863. Battle Near Morristown, Tenn., 13, 14 November 1864. Burning of Atlanta, 14 November 1864. Battle of Hollow-Tree Gap, Tenn., 17 November 1864. Battle of Griswoldville, Ga., 22 November 1864. Occupation of Milledgeville, Ga., 23 November 1864. Capture of Savannah, Ga., 21 November 1864. Battle of Spring Hill, Tenn., 29 November 1864. Battle of Franklin, Tenn., 30 November 1864. Of course, no battles in 1865.

My pleas for input from camp members are still falling on deaf ears! Please, Please, did I ask Please?! Get me information on anything having to do with the Civil War as well as any activities, etc., that may be of interest to the Camp #18 members. This newsletter is for all Camp #18 members and "audience participation" is definitely desired!

The "watermark" this month is from the photograph, taken on the Monitor, after the famous battle with the C.S.S. Virginia.

Although there is plenty of free "clip art" on the Internet to provide "watermarks" for quite some time, if there is any particular scene that anyone who is reading this newsletter would like to see, get those suggestions to me. If you have artwork, then E-Mail it to me. Otherwise, I can look around the Internet and see if I can find suitable examples.

I have promised Brother Gates to do a meeting presentation on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain although I have not, as yet, set a specific date. Frankly, I need to gather information to make the presentation accurate. I do have maps, that I got, at various times, when visiting the battlefield (my youngest daughter lives in that area). This battle is of interest to me because my ancestor was wounded during the battle!

Until next time . . .

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Articles Needed!

If the members of the **Colonel E.E. Ellsworth Camp #18** do not want to be inundated with articles that were chosen by the editor (what he wants to see in the newsletter) then they need to start inputting items for inclusion in **The Texas Union Herald**. Tidbits about the Civil War, stories, articles, current news items, photographs, even commentaries are most welcome.

Don't worry if you are not an accomplished author. Get the idea onto paper (computer, etc.) and get it to the editor. He really can edit (rewrite, etc.) and you'll be surprised at just how well you can write!

If you have E-Mail capabilities, you can either include the information in the body of the message or put it in either Word format or ACSII ("txt") format. If, for some

reason, you cannot do either, contact the editor to see if your particular word processor format can be handled.

If "hard" copy, make sure the copy is legible (can be read by someone else!). Typewritten, computer printed, even in Crayon on "Big Chief" tablet is acceptable. Just get the information in!

Even small (1 or 2 paragraphs) material, or photographs, can be used. That makes editing and publishing the newsletter easier since "fill" material is available for those little areas that seem to happen whenever an article is included in the publication.

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November Meeting

The November 2018 meeting of the
Colonel E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18
SUVCW

Will be held on
Tuesday 20 November 2018
At the

Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, TX.



The History of the GAR (continued)

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CHAPTER VIII

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN A.
LOGAN
(SECOND TERM) – FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION,
WASHINGTON
MAY 11, 1870.

GENERAL CHIPMAN, by pressure of professional business, felt it necessary that he should resign his position as Adjutant-General.

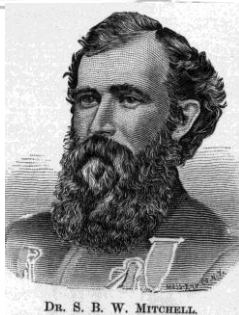
He had thoroughly devoted himself to bringing order out of confusion, and so well succeeded in placing the work of National Headquarters on a thorough business basis that his retirement at this time was a matter of general regret. He, however, consented to serve as Judge-Advocate-General, and the decisions rendered during his term evince that the same careful attention to details which made his administration of the Adjutant-General's office so valuable to the Grand Army of the Republic.

He was succeeded by W.T. Collins, of Minnesota, who had efficiently served the previous term as Assistant-Adjutant-General.

Adjutant-General Collins had been in service during the war as Sergeant 2d United States Sharpshooters. He was badly wounded at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, August 22, 1862, resulting in the loss of a leg above the knee. He became a member of John A. Rawlins Post No. 1, Washington D.C., October 12, 1866, and was afterwards a charter member of Farragut Post No. 4.

Colonel F.A. Starring was appointed Inspector-General, Colonel Timothy Lubey Quartermaster-General, and Colonel R.J. Hinton Assistant Inspector-General.

General Lucius Fairchild had been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (see biography Chapter XXV), and General Jos. R. Hawley re-elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.



Colonel Samuel B. Wylie Mitchell, Surgeon-General, was born in Philadelphia, August 16, 1828. Entered the service as Surgeon 18th Pennsylvania Volunteers, April 24, 1861, three months service; Surgeon 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry, August 17, 1861, to January 24, 1865. Brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel U.S.V., March 13, 1865, "for gallant conduct and meritorious services." Was one of the founders of the "Military Order of the Loyal Legion" and Secretary and Recorder until his death, August 16, 1879. Charter member and first Commander of the present Post 2, Philadelphia, and acting as senior officer, chartered the present Posts 5,6,7,8, Philadelphia. (See Department of Pennsylvania.) Member of Department Council of Administration, 1867; Medical Director of the Department, 1868 and 1869.



Colonel Timothy Lubey, Quartermaster-General, enlisted in May 1861 as Second Lieutenant, Company B, 15th New York Engineers, was promoted First Lieutenant November 1861, Captain in April 1863 and was mustered-out as Major, July 2, 1865. He was brevetted Colonel for gallant and meritorious services, by the Governor of the State of New York.

He joined the G.A.R. October 19, 1866, as a charter member of Post No. 1, Department of the Potomac, and left it to become a charter member of Post No. 3, in which he served three terms as Commander. On the surrender of the charter of Post No. 3, he was transferred to Post No. 2, in which he served two terms as Commander. Was Assistant Adjutant-General on the Staff of L. Edwin Dudley, Commander Provisional Department of the Potomac; Member of Council of Administration during the term of N.P. Chipman; again Assistant Adjutant-General under Commander Samuel A. Duncan; succeeding him as Department Commander, which position he held three terms. He was appointed Quartermaster-General for the ensuing term. He died in Washington, December 12, 1877.



F.A. Starring, Inspector General, Major 46th Illinois Infantry, September 10, 1861. Transferred, January 30, 1862, as Major 2d Illinois Light Artillery. Commissioned Colonel 72d Illinois Infantry (Chicago Board of Trade Regiment), August 21, 1862. Brevetted Brigadier-General February 22, 1866. This regiment was in active service from September 1862, until 1865, principally with the Army of the Tennessee. After the pursuit of Hood's Army from Nashville, they were ordered to New Orleans, and thence to Mobile with the 16th Army Corps. Colonel Starring, as Inspector-General, designed the Grand Army Membership badge.

Circular No. one, dated Washington D.C., March 1st, 1870, announced the appointment of Assistant Inspectors-General and Department Inspectors-General, and gave instructions for a thorough inspection of Posts as to their general management, business records, work of the Order, etc. Inspectors were to report such suggestions and recommendations as were deemed for the best interests, preservation and organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

The National Encampment assembled in Washington, D.C., May 11, 1870, Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan presiding.

Officers present: Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief L. Fairchild; Chaplain-in-Chief A.H. Quint; Adjutant-General W.T. Collins; Inspector-General F.A. Starring; Quartermaster-General T. Lubey; Judge-Advocate-General N.P. Chipman; Assistant Adjutant-General Hanson E. Weaver.

Council of Administration – J.F. Miller, California; Frank Nolen, Delaware; R.M. Hough, Illinois; A.W. Denison, Maryland; G. Harry Stone, Missouri; S.T. Cater, New Hampshire; Jas. F. Rusling, New Jersey; Geo. L. Beal, Maine; O.C. Bosbyshell, Pennsylvania; S.A. Duncan, Potomac; Jas. Shaw Jr., Rhode Island; Geo. Stannard, Vermont; E.W. Whitaker, Connecticut.

Committee on Credentials– The Adjutant-General J.L. Bates, Massachusetts; W.J. Winter, Ohio; H.A. Barnum, New York; W.F. Morse, Minnesota.

DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED

Arkansas, 1; California, 1; Connecticut, 3; Delaware, 1; Illinois, 3; Kentucky, 1; Maine 4; Maryland, 4; Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 1; Minnesota, 1; New Hampshire, 1; New Jersey, 3; New Mexico, 1; New York, 9; Ohio, 4; Pennsylvania, 8; Potomac, 4; Texas, 1. Total 19 Departments, 52 Representatives.

Not represented: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin.

Delinquent for reports: Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee, West Virginia. The representatives present from Indiana (1) and Iowa (1) were extended the privileges of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Logan in his address said:

We meet to-day, not as relics of a disastrous war, marred and scarred by the enginery of battle, to beg for alms, not as burdens upon the public charity, but as survivors of a glorious and successful struggle on behalf of liberty and independence for *all* men. We meet in strength and integrity of our manhood, to take counsel together in aid of measures to promote brotherly love, universal benevolence, stability and order; we meet to renew our vows of fealty to each other and mankind; we meet as the representatives of the loyal American soldiery, whose organic law is unblemished by any invidious distinctions. We realize that to no particular race or sect belongs the glory of our victories, but that in the Union Army were found comrades of every clime and creed, who came as in the days of '76, to offer themselves to do and die, if need be, that liberty might live and bless their posterity with an equal share of her blessings.. No self-constituted victor can say, "Behold me, the conqueror." But each can claim the honor of answering to his country's roll call when danger is nigh; and in this they have performed the hero's deeds, and deserve the hero's welcome.

The objects of our organization seem not to be fully understood by a portion of our fellow citizens. You will, therefore, excuse me if I give a brief sketch of the purposes of the Grand Army for the information of those who may be prejudiced against us as a secret order:

The Grand Army of the Republic is not a political organization destined to serve the ends of any political party, as is evident in this, that all political parties are represented in its membership. As men and patriots, many of us mingle in the national and local affairs, but in doing so, do not take with us any benefits or provisions of our Order; our only political creed being love of our country and its hallowed institutions.

We have but three objects obligatory upon us as members of this Order, namely; To promote love and practice of fraternity, liberal distributions of charity, and unequivocal loyalty. The founders of the Order were actuated by the fact that when the war ended we had on this continent a million and a half of fighting men, a greater part of whom were our comrades, good and true, who were in no haste to lose sight if every trace of the associations of a soldier's life, and let "old acquaintance be forgot." They were flushed with such victories as no soldiers ever were before; hence they needed some resort where they might meet together in social reunion and interchange experiences and opinions, and thereby keep alive the vivid scenes of war interspersed with incidents full of interest to them and needed something to check the impulsive, whose very spirit and fire made them such good soldiers. Hence it was conceived that good might spring from the reunions, and that, with certain rules and regulations, they might

promote pleasure and security to the independent and material aid to the dependent, and organize the survivors of the war into an Order that would perpetual in its existence, and so successful in its good work as to shed additional luster upon its members.

He recommended that the observance of Memorial day be formally enjoined by the Rules and Regulations.

"Ours was the first and only organization to institute an annual commemoration to the departed heroes of the war; and to us, by common consent, appears to be committed the mournful and pleasing duty of perpetuating it."

He recommended that the Membership Badge, as adopted by the special meeting in New York, be now finally established as the Badge of the Order by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

In closing he said:

It should be the aim of the Grand Army to bring within it fold every honorably discharged soldier and sailor, and by the constant exercise of the virtues we profess exert an influence second only to the church of Christ. Exalting the hopes and aspirations of our own members, we thereby help to give a proper tone to public sentiment, and crush out all opposition to civilization, loyalty, and Christianity, as well as hold our organization above the criticism of the most fastidious, who, beholding our "good works" will rise up "and call us blessed." We shall need no appeal to call forth the support of all good citizens, who will gladly sustain our lectures and other means of support to our family of sufferers, in whose interest we have solicited public patronage, with liberal responses already.

The tree of liberty, watered and trained by the influences of the Grand Army, will send forth no disloyal shoots to dishonor our flag; but every branch, as it takes up its burden of life will have that vital principle of loyalty so engrafted that treason can never destroy it. And when the encampments that know us now "shall know us no more forever," the feeling of fraternal regard we have nourished will shed its silent tear over our graves; the charity we have promoted will throw its mantle over our shortcomings, and the spirit of loyalty we have cultivated will still rally round the flag we loved, to perpetuate our memories.

The thanks of the Encampment were tendered General Logan for his eloquent and instructive address, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication.

REPORTS OF STAFF OFFICERS

Adjutant-General W.T. Collins reviewed the work of the year required in establishing the system of grades. The delay in making the necessary changes rendered it impossible to furnish anything like a correct report of the membership of the organization, as only three Departments, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Potomac, had given the exact membership borne on the rolls of the Posts.

He referred to the financial difficulties met by Headquarters through the heavy expenses incurred in the radical changes in the Rules, Rituals and forms and books for all Reports.

Inspector-General F.H. Starring, in his report, also referred to the work involved in the adoption of the Grade system, and stated that there was a general desire for some modification of the requirements of the Regulations and Ritual on that subject.

Quartermaster-General Lubey reported: Receipts from all sources during the year, \$7,890.66; expenditures, \$6,997.00; leaving a cash balance of \$893.66. \$2,000 of the previous indebtedness had been paid, leaving the National Encampment in debt to the Comrades Owen and Chipman about \$2,500. In accordance with the instructions from the National Encampment held in New York City, October 27, 1869, a contract had been made for the manufacture of badges at \$1.25 each.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

On Resolutions – Comrades Ben Perley Poore, Massachusetts; Logan H. Roots, Arkansas; R.M. Apgar, California; H.H. Heath, New Mexico; Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania.

Rules, Regulations and Ritual – A.H. Quint, Massachusetts; Jas. Shaw, Jr., Pennsylvania; H.A. Barnum, New York; G.W. Collier, Ohio; R.B. Beath, Pennsylvania; W.T. Clark, Texas; Judge-Advocate-General N.P. Chipman.

The Encampment took a recess for the purpose of paying their respects to President Grant at the Executive mansion, after which they returned to the hall and partook of a bountiful collation prepared by the Comrades of the Department of the Potomac.

RESOLUTIONS

Comrade Ben Perley Poore (Massachusetts), Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following, which were unanimously adopted:

The Grand Army of the Republic, in National Encampment assembled in the city of Washington, congratulates every comrade on the successful extension of the triple bond of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty which now so fraternally unites those who rallied beneath the Stars and Stripes when the life of the nation was assailed, and presents the following matters as entitled to the endorsement of the Order:

1. *Resolved.* As soldiers of the Union Army for the suppression of the late rebellion, we recognize no character more exalted, as a soldier and patriot, than the late Major-General George H. Thomas, and that it is with unfeigned sorrow that we, his recent comrades in arms, find ourselves called upon to mourn his demise, and that in his unsullied character, his pre-eminent abilities as a commander, and his untarnished patriotism, he has,

together with his great service against the enemies of his country and of the Union, left such a rich legacy to the world, and a life worthy the emulation of mankind.

2. *Resolved.* That the memory of those who died that the nation might live should be kept green in the hearts of the people of the United States by the sacred observance of the 30th of May as a day dedicated to the decoration of their graves; and we trust that the general Government will not fail to exercise, under the war power, its sovereignty over such of those hallowed resting places of our departed comrades as are in that section of country which they bravely aided in conquering, and not ask the permission of the conquered, that the soil thus consecrated may be the nation's forever.
3. *Resolved.* That all Departments and Posts of the Grand Army, and all comrades in their individual capacities, use their utmost endeavors to promptly secure legislative action in their respective States, in aid of the establishment and maintenance of homes and schools for the support and education of the orphans of Union soldiers and marines, without distinction of birthplace or of race, who were killed or who died in consequence of wounds received, or disease contracted, while in the service of the United States.
4. *Resolved.* That while we recognize the equality of all soldiers who were mustered in, we respectfully suggest to the officers of the National Asylum for Disabled Soldiers, so liberally endowed by Congress, the propriety of promoting the comfort of the colored veterans entitled to a home, by establishing a branch asylum at the South for their occupation.
5. *Resolved.* That we earnestly request Congress to consider the propriety and justice of passing an act donating suitable tracts of the public lands to those soldiers, sailors and marines who honorably served in the Army or Navy of the nation during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, in accordance with the precedents established in former wars.
6. *Resolved.* That the thanks of the Grand Army are due, and are hereby tendered, to the comrades of the Department of the Potomac for the accommodations provided for, and the hospitalities extended to the National Encampment at its present session, and that a copy of this resolution, duly signed by the national officers, be presented to that Department.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Comrade Quint, chairman, reported several amendments to the Rules and Regulations, the more important changes being the adoption of Article 14th, Chapter V, establishing Memorial Day; and providing for the election of officers of Posts annually instead of semi-

annually. The time for mustering old members in the new grades was extended for one year. Post Commanders were given discretion to abbreviate the ceremonies for advancement of members in the grades. The Commander-in-Chief was authorized to remit reports and dues of the Departments accruing prior to July 1st, 1869.

Comrades Quint, Chaplain-in-Chief elect Collier and Jas. Shaw, Jr., were appointed a committee to prepare INSTALLATION SERVICES and BURIAL SERVICE.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief J.T. Owen, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fairchild, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wagner were appointed a committee to consider the subject of auxiliary organizations of wives and daughters of comrades and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers.

Votes of thanks were passed to Adjutant-General Collins for his services, and to Inspector-General F.A. Starring for the very handsome badge of the Order he had designed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected:

Commander-in-Chief: John A. Logan, re-elected

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Lucius Fairchild, re-elected

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania.

Surgeon-General: Samuel A. Green, Massachusetts

Chaplain-General: Geo. W. Collier, Ohio

Council of Administration: Arkansas, Logan H. Roots; California, James Covey; Colorado, F.J. Bancroft; Connecticut, E.W. Whitaker; Delaware, Frank Nolen;

Florida, C.M. Hamilton; Georgia, W. Krzyzanowski; Illinois, T.O. Osborn; Kentucky, Wm. Bowden; Maine, A.H. Quint; Michigan, O.L. Spalding; Minnesota, Henry A. Castle; Missouri, G. Harry Stone; Mississippi, J. Tarbell; Montana, W.S. Scribner; New Hampshire, D. J. Vaughn; New Jersey, J.F. Rusling; New Mexico, H.H. Heath; New York, A.P. Ketchum; North Carolina, Allen Rutherford; Ohio, Jas. A. Lantz; Oregon, C.P. Crandall; Pennsylvania, A. Wilson Norris; Potomac, E.F.M. Faehtz; Rhode Island, Jas. Shaw, Jr.; South Carolina, C.J. Stolbrand; Texas, W.T. Clark; Vermont, Geo. J. Stannard; Virginia, P.A. Davis; Wisconsin, Geo. B. Goodwin.

Commander-in-Chief Logan was then installed and said:

I can express in no fitting words the deep sense of gratitude I feel at this manifestation of your confidence in and friendship for me. It would be affectation to withhold from you my sincere thanks. The comrade who would not appreciate the office you have conferred upon me, so

exalted in itself and an honor to its incumbent, would be unworthy to hold it. I can only promise to serve you faithfully, and see to it that no trust you have reposed in me shall be abused. Let Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty be our watch words, and we need not fear that we will deserve and attain success.

CHAPTER IX.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN A. LOGAN (THIRD TERM)- FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, BOSTON, MAY 10, 1871.

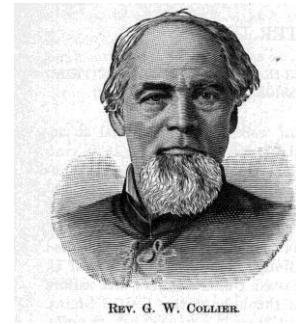
All the members of the staff were re-appointed and so announced in General Orders dated Washington May 17, 1870, viz.:

Adjutant-General W.T. Collins; Quartermaster, Timothy Lubey; Judge-Advocate-General, N.P. Chipman; Inspector-General, F.A. Starring; Assistant Adjutant-General, Hanson E. Weaver, who was afterwards succeeded by C.C. Royce.

General Louis Wagner succeeded General Hawley as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, by election at Washington. For Biography and Portrait see Chapter XIX.



Dr. Samuel A. Green, Surgeon-General, was Assistant Surgeon 1st Massachusetts Volunteers, May 25, 1861. Promoted Surgeon 24th Massachusetts, September 2, 1861, and served until November 2, 1864. He was Acting Staff Surgeon in Richmond from April 9, 1865, until July 9, 1865. Joined Post No. 15, Boston, March 18, 1868; was Post Surgeon 1869; Medical Director Department of Massachusetts 1869-1870; re-elected Surgeon-General 1871 and 1872; now a member of Post No. 115, Groton, Massachusetts.



Rev. George W. Collier, Chaplain-in-Chief, was born in Le Roy, Ohio, August 29, 1825 and entered the Ministry of the Methodist Church in 1850; was appointed Chaplain in 1861, and served four years, mainly in the Army of West Virginia; joined the Grand Army of the Republic in Toledo in 1867, and with the encouragement of Ohio, G.A.R., undertook and carried through with great success, the work of establishing a State Home for Soldier's Orphans at Xenia. President Hayes appointed him Chaplain, U.S.A. June 23, 1879, and he is now assigned duty at Fort Totten, Dakota.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The fifth Annual Session of the National Encampment was held in John A. Andrew Post Hall, Boston, May 10, 1871, Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan presiding.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

H.A. Barnum, New York; A.B. Underwood, Massachusetts; A.R. Calhoun, Pennsylvania; W.W. Henry, Vermont; J. Warren Kiefer, Ohio

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Louis Wagner
 Adjutant-General W.T. Collins
 Quartermaster-General General T. Lubey.
 Judge-Advocate-General N.P. Chipman.
 Council of Administration – California, James Coey;
 Connecticut, E.W. Whitaker; Maine, Geo. L. Beal; Maryland, E.Y. Goldsborough; Massachusetts, A.H. Quint; New Hampshire, D.J. Vaughn; New York, A.P. Ketchum; Pennsylvania, A. Wilson Norris; Rhode Island, James Shaw, Jr.; Vermont Geo. J. Stannard.

DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED.

Maine, 5; New Hampshire, 2; Vermont, 4; Massachusetts, 14; Rhode Island, 4; Connecticut, 3; New York, 9; New Jersey, 2; Pennsylvania, 7; Delaware 1; Maryland, 3; Potomac, 4; Virginia, 1; Ohio, 2; Kentucky, 1;

Illinois, 2; California, 4. Total Departments 17; Representatives 68.

Commander-in-Chief Logan, in his address, said:

Another circuit of the seasons brings again the time of the annual meeting of the Representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic. And while earth, seemingly thankful that the bright rays of the vernal sun have warmed her wintry sleep, gives forth from her bosom the green blades and gaudy flowers in grateful response, so should we also feel deeply impressed with the spirit of gratitude to the Great Creator and Ruler of the Universe, for the preservation of the lives of so many of the members of the our Order, and the prosperity of our organization. We, when looking over the past twelve months, and beholding the harmony which has prevailed throughout the Order, and the prosperity which has attended it, should give forth a grateful response to the Guardian Hand, which has protected and preserved us, the warmest thanks of our hearts, and should feel, if possible, still more disposed to exhibit, by practice to their fullest extent, the characteristic virtues of our creed- *Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty*; Fraternity to our comrades, Charity to our fellow-men, and Loyalty to our country.

We have assembled here to-day, not as an organization for the purpose of promoting and fostering selfish ends and personal aims, but as the survivors of a mighty, but glorious and successful contest on behalf of liberty and union – not as a band combined for the purpose of planning and plotting for the benefit of a few, or a restricted class, but in behalf of personal freedom, true independence and national honor.

We meet in the strength and consciousness of our manhood, with a full knowledge of our freedom and liberty, but with hearts true and loyal to our country and its laws.

We meet to renew our vows to the great principles of our Order – vows of friendship and fealty to each other, which shall continue to link us together in fraternal bonds; vows of that universal charity, which remembers in its grasp mankind wherever found; vows of devotion and constancy to that Government which we have fought to maintain, and which we believe to be the best that man in his wisdom has devised, where the great principles for which we contend can be best developed and carried out. We meet, also, as the representatives of the great host of loyal American soldiers who stood as the bulwark of safety to the nation, when its life was in jeopardy.

In the hour of peril we asked not for race or sect, but for soldiers, willing to do battle bravely and fearlessly in defense of our Union. To-day we meet, not as the representatives of a race or sect, but of those soldiers who came to answer to their country's call.

He briefly referred to efforts that had been made to bring the Order into disrepute by charging it with political bias, and said that the best proof that the Grand Army of the Republic was not a political organization was shown in the fact that all political parties are represented in its membership.

As citizen we take part freely in national affairs, each following out his own individual preference and political inclination, untrammelled by any requirements of the Order. The predominance of any political party or bias among the members of any particular locality is, so far as the Order is concerned, purely accidental. So far as our devotion to our national unity, and to the great principles of universal freedom and benevolence makes us political, thus far we are political, and no farther.

The successful close of the war sent back into civil life more than a million of soldiers, many whom for years had dwelt in the tented field with armor on, and who, as comrades in the privations and hardships of the soldier's life, could not easily forget its associations. The natural yearning of the soldier's heart, for an occasional re-union with his comrades, suggested the idea of the Order to its founders. It was, therefore, the natural outgrowth of the times and circumstances, and not wholly an original idea conceived in one mind. With a desire to keep alive these associations, and by interchange of experience and opinions, to keep fresh before the mind the vivid scenes of the war, and the incidents of the soldier's life in camp, was the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic conceived, and carried into effect.

In urging the members to renewed exertions on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic he said:

We must remember that great ends are accomplished, not by spasmodic and fitful exertions, but by steady, systematic and preserving movements. This was the spirit that nerved us during the fiery ordeal of the late war, and crowned our arms with victory.

Let us then, strictly conform to our Rules and Regulations, and, systematic as an army when marching to the field of battle, let us, like good and faithful soldiers, press forward in the great work of promoting and extending the cardinal virtues of our creed – Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty; and the tree of liberty, fostered by the genial influence of the Grand Army of the Republic, will send forth its inspiration to the utmost extremity of our beloved country, until every heart shall again be warmed by the vital principles of loyalty, and every remnant of treason be driven from our land.

Such is our mission, and such our bright anticipations, and if true to our faith and active in our efforts, when we have met together for the last time, and have sounded our last reveille, other tongues and other voices will bless the name and work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

REPORTS OF STAFF OFFICERS.

Adjutant-General Collins briefly presented the facts connected with work under the Grade system, and recommended that the Grades be now abolished.

He reported briefly as to the condition of each Department, but, as for the previous year, he could not give even an approximate estimate of the membership.

Quartermaster-General T. Lubey reported, receipts, including previous balance, \$6,449.91; expenditures, \$6,377.17; case balance, \$72.74.

The expenditures included a payment of \$1,413.34 of the indebtedness to comrades for advances, leaving but a small balance due Comrade J.T. Owen.

He reported that the price for the manufacture of badges had been reduced to 95 cents.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

RULES, REGULATIONS AND RITUAL – C.B. Fox, Massachusetts; James Shaw, Jr., Rhode Island; John C. Robinson, New York; R.B. Beath, Pennsylvania; James O'Brien, California; George L. Beal, Maine; William Ward, New Jersey

RESOLUTIONS – Henry S. Briggs, Massachusetts; Geo. J. Stannard, Vermont; James T. Smith, Potomac; H.J. Reeder, Pennsylvania.

Comrade Cogswell presented, from the Department of Massachusetts, a substitute for the Grade Ritual.

INVITATIONS

General H.W. Benham, United States Engineers, invited the members to visit the fortifications in the harbor, placing the Engineer Steamer "Tourist" at their disposal for this purpose. The invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Encampment voted to General Benham for his courtesy.

Comrade Cogswell, Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, presented, in the name of that Department, an invitation to a banquet in Faneuil Hall, which was accepted with hearty thanks.

During the session the following telegram was received:

Universal Peace Convention, in Session in Cooper Institute, New York, May 10th, 1871: to National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic:

We congratulate you on a peaceful Encampment. As Veterans can you not add your protest against war, that there may never more be another war Encampment.

To this, upon the suggestion of Comrade Wagner, the following reply was telegraphed:

Your congratulations reciprocated. The Grand Army of the Republic is determined to have peace, even if we have to fight for it.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND RITUAL.

The report of the Committee on Rules, Regulations and Ritual was presented by Comrade Fox, chairman.

They recommended that the Rules, and Regulations be amended by striking out all reference to Grades, and the amendment was adopted. Comrade Fox then presented a revised Ritual to replace the Grade ritual, which was adopted. Sundry other amendments to the Rules were presented and acted upon.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committees on Resolutions, Comrade H.S. Briggs, chairman, reported the following, which were duly adopted:

The Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in National Encampment, at Boston, congratulates all comrades upon the rapidly increasing power and strength of the Order, and commends to them the action taken at this Session, as being calculated to promote the cardinal principles of this Association.

1st. Resolved. That the Grand Army of the Republic is in no sense whatever a political or partisan organization; and any comrade who endeavors to use the Order as a political engine, for the purpose of gratifying any selfish political ambition, is recreant to his duty to his comrades.

2d, Resolved. That it is the duty of each and every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to urge and do all in his power to promote such legislation, both from the several State and National Legislative bodies, as will secure ample provision for the support and education of the children of those soldiers, sailors and marines, who were killed or died of disease contracted while in the service of the United States, battling for the integrity of the Union; and to procure such legislation as shall be necessary for the care, protection and preservation of the graves of our dead comrades in the different National Cemeteries.

3d. Resolved. That the thanks of the soldiers represented in this Organization are due to the Representatives of the people, in the National House of Representatives, for their action in relation to the Equalization of Bounties and the Amendment of the Homestead Laws; and that this Encampment earnestly urges upon Congress the enactment of the provision repeatedly passed with so much unanimity by the popular branch of the National Encampment.

4th. Resolved. That the thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic are due and are hereby tendered to the comrades of the Department of Massachusetts, for the hospitalities extended to the National Encampment, at its present session, and that a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the National Officers, be presented to that Department.

The committee also considered the preamble and resolutions relative to Bounties, presented by Rodman Post No. 12, of the Department of Rhode Island:

Resolved, That this Encampment earnestly recommend that the provision of the Bounty Law be extended to soldiers, sailors and marines, discharged by reason of disease contracted in the service. Adopted.

The following additional resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved. That the thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic through its National Encampment, are due and are hereby warmly tendered our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade John A. Logan, for the great interest he has ever exhibited in the welfare of the Organization, and for the faithful, zealous and efficient performance of his official duties.

Resolved. That the Adjutant-General be and he is hereby directed to have these resolutions engrossed, framed and presented to Comrade Logan.

Resolved. That the sincere thanks of this Encampment are due and hereby tendered to LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and other retiring officers of the Encampment, for their loyalty and fidelity to the interests of the Order, and for their faithful performance of the duties of their several offices.

Resolved. That the Grand Army of the Republic, through its National Encampment, extends to the DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, its warmest thanks for the fraternal reception and welcome of its representatives; and those who have shared the bountiful hospitalities of the citizens of Boston, will ever hold in precious remembrance this visit to the grand old Bay State – chief among the sisterhood of States which we are pledged to defend and protect.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic are hereby tendered to Comrade Wm T. COLLINS, Adjutant-General, Comrade TIMOTHY LUBEY, Quartermaster-General, and Comrade J.O.P. BURNSIDE, Acting Inspector-General, for the faithful and efficient performance of the duties of their respective offices during the past year.

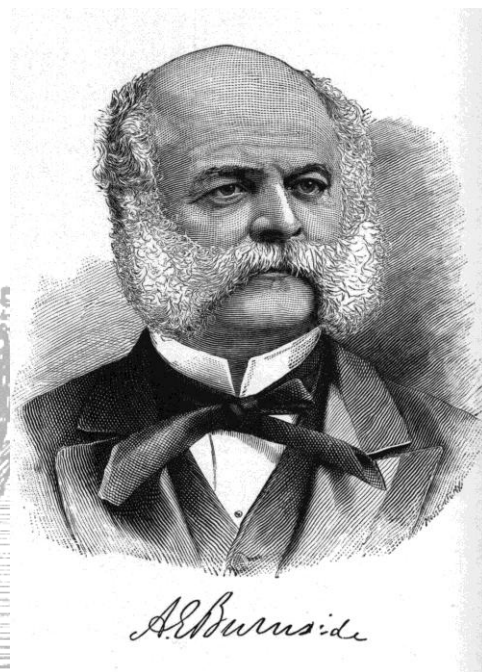
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James Coey, California

Surgeon-General, Dr. Samuel A. Green, Massachusetts, re-elected

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Wm. Earnshaw, Ohio

Council of Administration – Wm. E. McArthur, California; H. Clay Trumbull, Connecticut; Frank Nolen, Delaware; R.M. Hough, Illinois; C.C. Adams, Kentucky; Geo. L. Beal, Maine; E.T. Daneker, Maryland; A.B.R. Sprague, Massachusetts; James E. Larken, New Hampshire; William Ward, New Jersey; A.P. Ketchum, New York; Jas. S. Clemmer, Ohio; Frank Reeder, Pennsylvania; Jas. T. Smith, Potomac; Horatio Rogers, Rhode Island; Geo. J. Stannard, Vermont; Jos. E. Wilson, Virginia; Thos. S. Allen, Wisconsin

General Burnside was introduced as Commander-in-Chief, by General Logan and he briefly thanked the comrades for the honor conferred, and assured them that he would be glad to serve the Grand Army of the Republic.



To be continued next month

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania

SVR Commanding General's Veterans Day Message

Brothers,

The 11th hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month marked the final day of battle for the War to end all Wars. A day that would become known as Veterans Day. A day to honor all the Veterans of all the wars. I have found that sometimes an "original" best describes that term. I leave you with a poem by Margret Postgate Cole, one of the "War Poets" of World War I. When I read it, the end caused me to pause and think of the sacrifices made for FREEDOM. So here is "THE VETERAN."

We came upon him sitting in the sun
Blinded by war, and left. And past the fence
There came young soldiers from the Hand and Flower
Asking advice of his experience
And he said this, and that, and told them tales
And all the nightmares of each empty head
Blew into air, then hearing us beside
"Poor chaps, how'd they know what it's like?" he said
And we stood there and watched him as he sat,
turning his sockets where they went away,
Until it came to one of us to ask "And you're-how old?
"Nineteen, the third of May."

To my fellow Veterans, we all always remember.

Robert General
Major General
Commanding

October 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes of Meeting Ye Shire Tavern, Richardson, TX.

October 16, 2018

Commander Schneider called Camp #18 to order at 7:54 PM. In attendance were Brothers Erder, Gates, Harper, Johnson, Krueger, Ridenour, Salonaker, M. Schneider, Sprague, and Swafford.

Brother Johnson offered an opening invocation.

Commander Schneider then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests and New Members:

Six Guests were in attendance. They included; Su Gates, Laura Schneider, LeeAnn Erder, Dorothy Krueger, Coleen Swafford and Jewell Swafford.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Brother Gates reported that the minutes from the September meeting were included with the meeting invitation for all to see or comment. Brother Gates noted that no comments or corrections were received. Brother Erder moved that the minutes be accepted as printed. The motion was seconded by Brother M. Schneider and it was carried unanimously.

Brother Gates gave the Treasurer's report for September verbally. There were no comments or corrections. Brother M. Schneider moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as given. The motion was seconded by Brother Erder and it was carried unanimously.

Patriotic Minute:

None

SVR/1st US Business:

None

Guest Speaker:

None

Old Business:

Commander Schneider conducted the Initiation Ceremony with the assistance of Brother Johnson as Chaplain and Brother Erder as Guide. Two new members were initiated:

David A. Krueger
Joseph A. Salonaker

New Business:

Commander Schneider encouraged everyone to submit news to Brother Zook for the camp newsletter.

Closing Announcements:

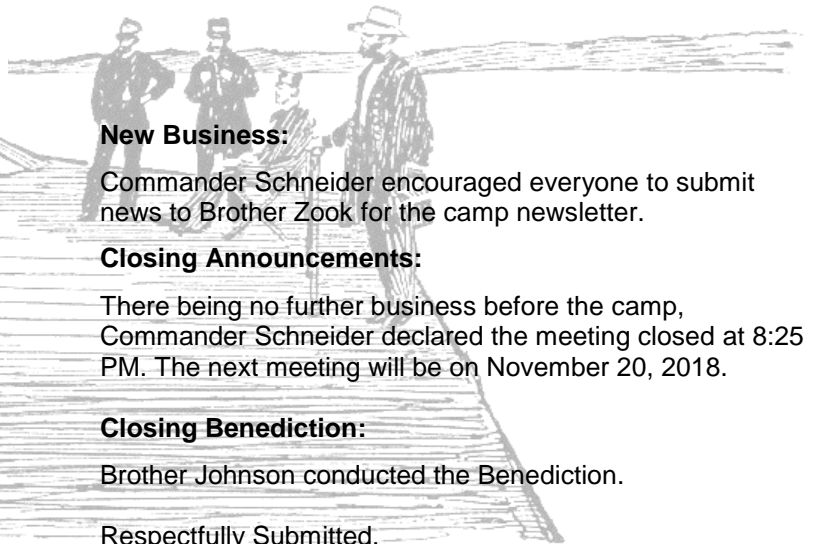
There being no further business before the camp, Commander Schneider declared the meeting closed at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be on November 20, 2018.

Closing Benediction:

Brother Johnson conducted the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Don Gates, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer



Agenda for November Meeting

November 20, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Welcome

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

America's Creed for E.E. Ellsworth Camp

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states; a perpetual Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles: freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

Introduction of Guests/New Members

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Patriotic Minute

- “Gettysburg Address”

SVR/1st US Business

- None

Speaker

- None

Old Business

- Planning the next Social/Initiation

New Business

- Officer Nominations
- Help for Camp 1

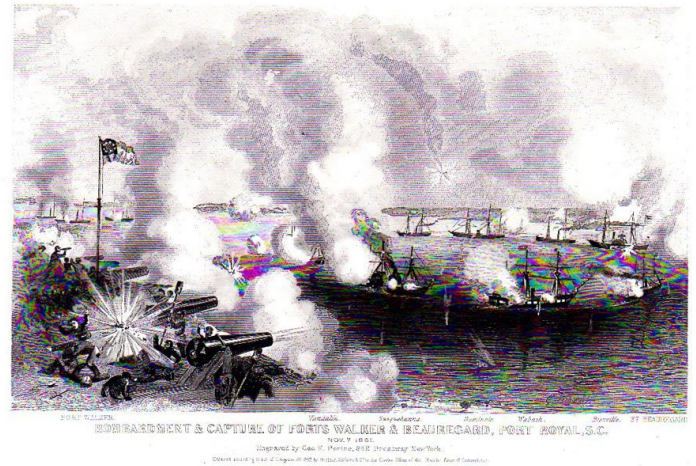
Closing Announcements

- Sign up for Programs & Patriotic Minutes
- Articles for the Newsletter
- Other announcements
- Next Meeting – December 18, 2018

Closing Benediction



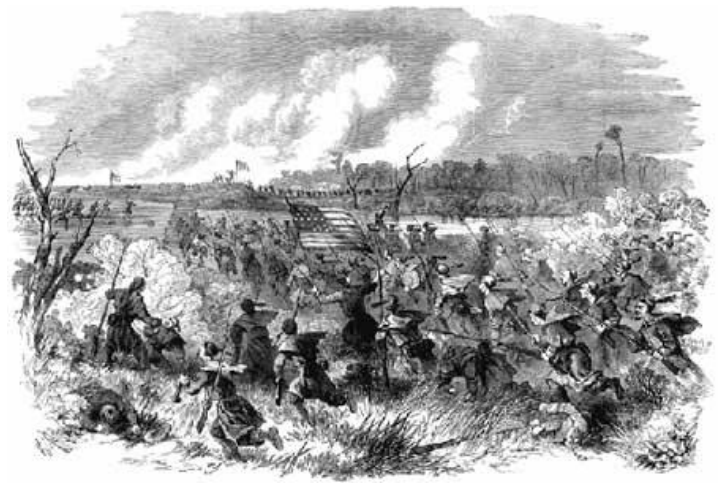
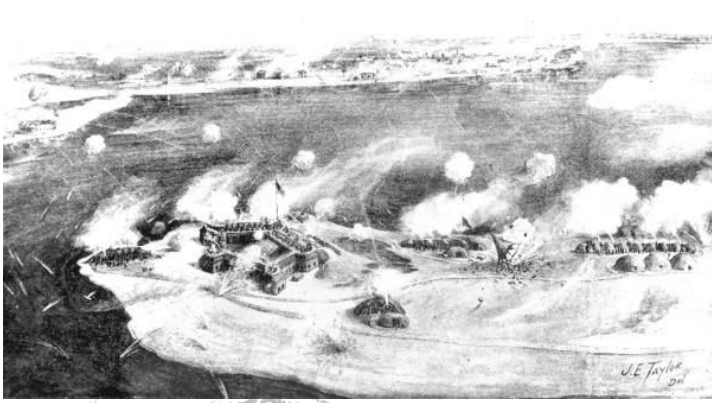
Illustrations for November Battles



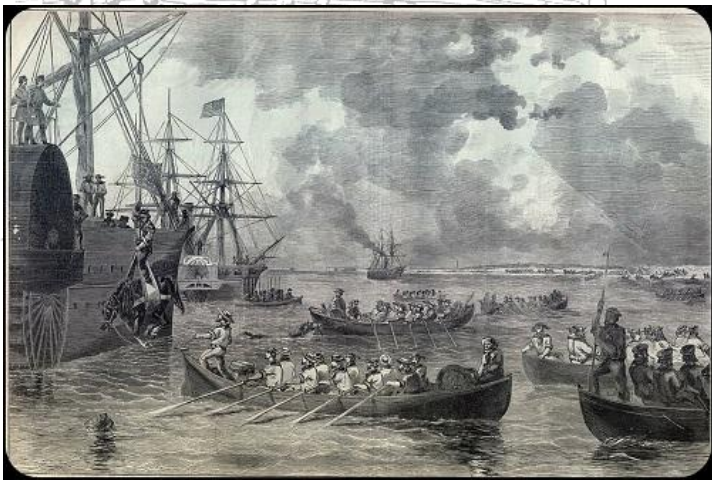
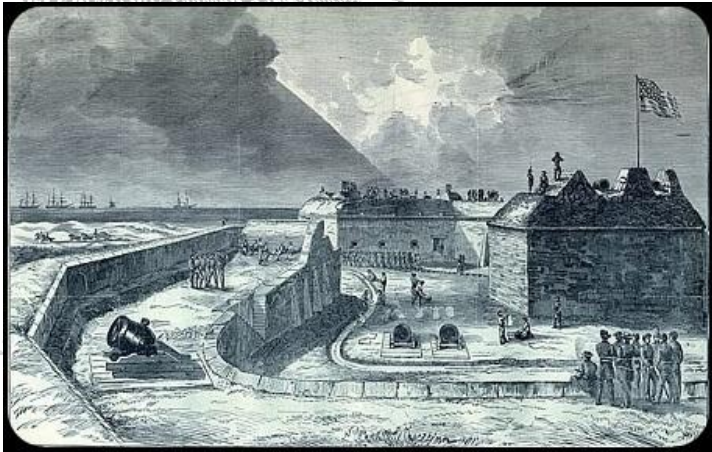
Camp Commander at Port Royal, S.C.



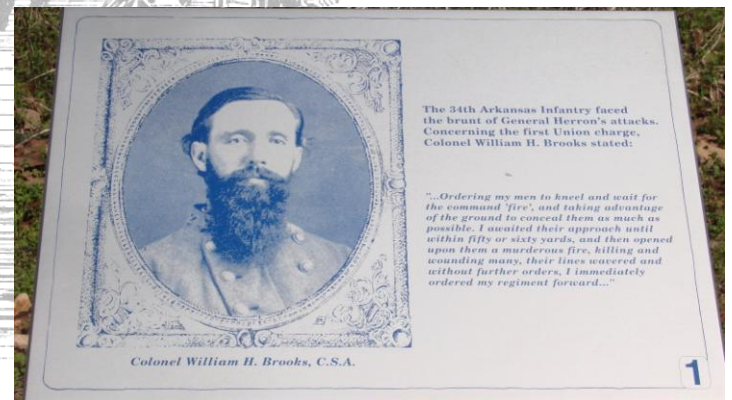
Battle of Belmont, Mo



Battle of Kinston, N.C.



Fight at Pensacola



Battle of Cane Hill, Ark



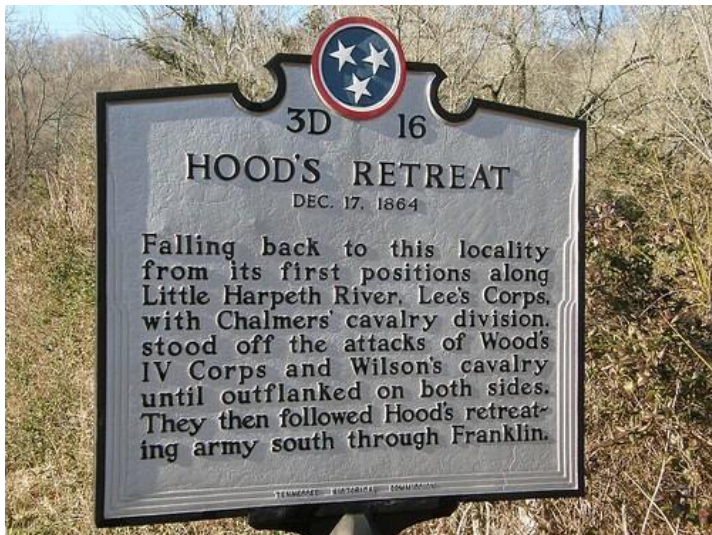
Fight at Salem, Mo



Burning of Atlanta



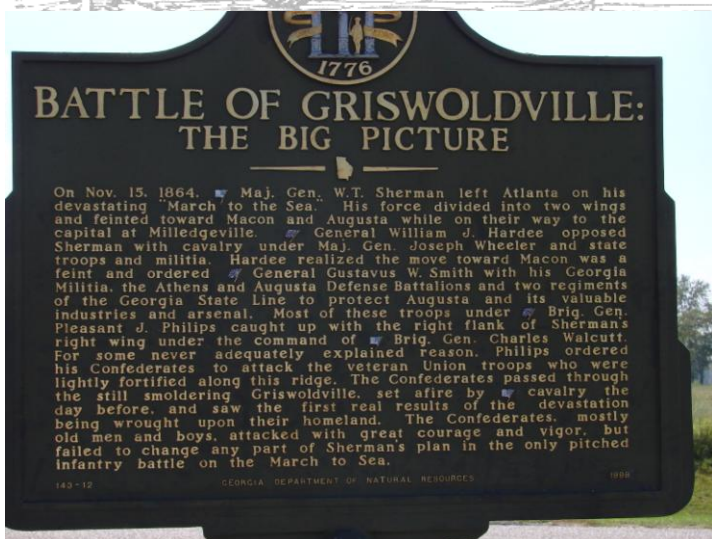
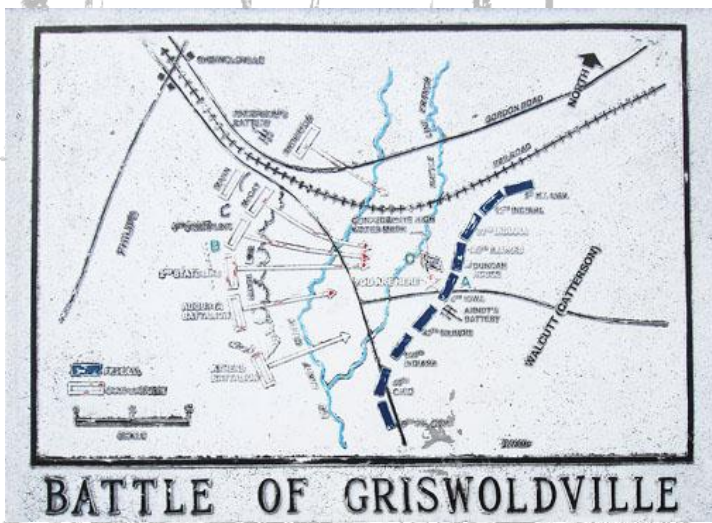
Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tenn



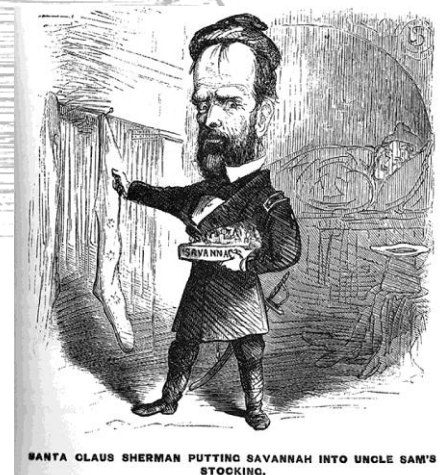
Battle of Hollow-Tree Gap, Tenn



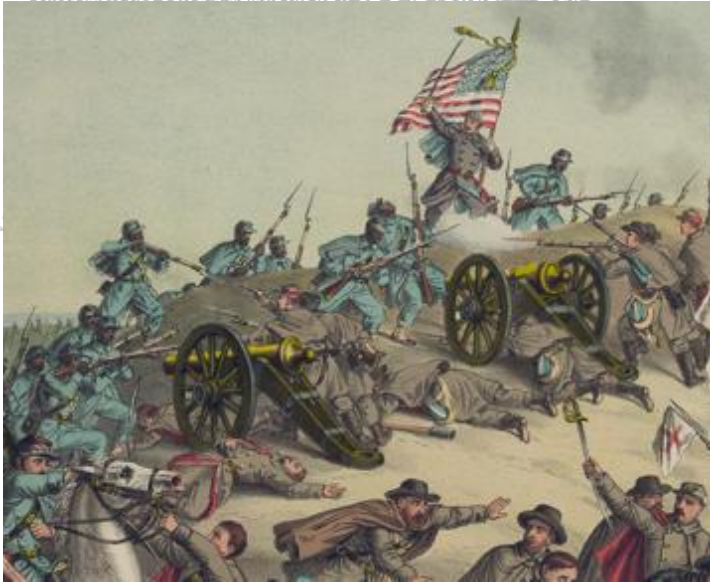
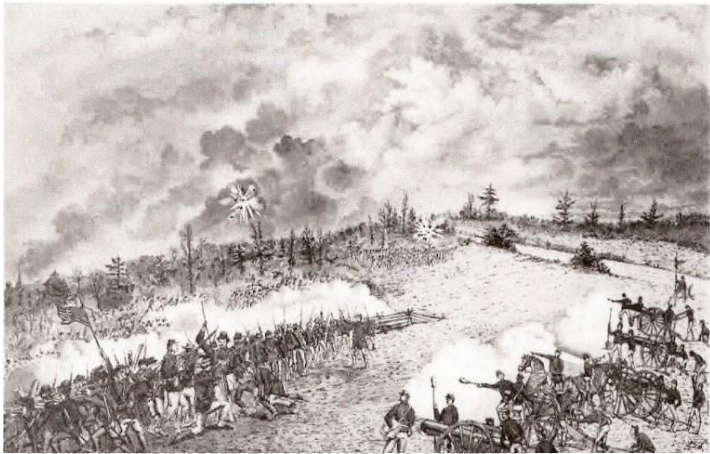
Occupation of Milledgeville, Ga



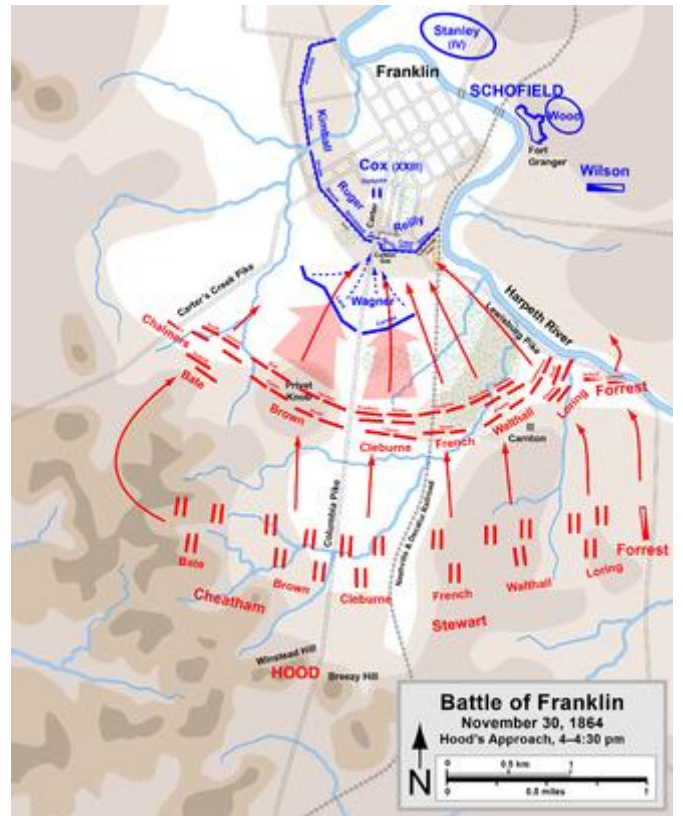
Battle of Griswoldville, Ga



Capture of Savannah, Ga



Battle of Spring Hill, Tenn



Battle of Franklin